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more language in the bill, so I just want to ask the body to support this and advance it now to Final Reading. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Jensen. Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If Senator Lindsay, could you yield for a question for me?

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Yes.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Does this change the...I mean, is the landlord still going to have to serve as a repository for property left with them? Is that any different than what it was before?

SENATOR LINDSAY: No.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: I've had a number of letters and correspondence on this particular bill where landlords are concerned about, you know, having to rent storage space somewhere to put all of this stuff. What's...

SENATOR LINDSAY: It is. It would not change...depends on the county you're in. Apparently some counties interpreted the law different than other counties. But the law, as it was being interpreted in most counties, where they did have to do that, that would still be the case. But what it's doing is moving the notice requirements, where they can be done with a petition for eviction, which means they would still...if the property exceeds the threshold limits, the 250 threshold limits that are in the act, then they have to hang onto the property. If it's below that, they can dispose of it as they want. But that storage requirement is not an extended storage requirement, and the most important thing, from everything we've gotten from landlords that Senator Jensen has worked with is more important to them, the storage is a hassle for them. But more important is that additional time where they can't get rent on that property, because the main thing is if you lose another month's rent, it's probably a lot more than you would have paid for the storage. So the main thing it does is it gets them the premises earlier.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: So the property association in Omaha is supportive of the amendment that's being proposed here.